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## COLONEL GARY D. DILLS

Colonel Gary D. Dills is commander, 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. The wing's mission is to provide munitions maintenance, readiness and base operating support for the third largest installation in AFMC. The wing operates two munitions repair depots (at Kirtland AFB and Nellis AFB) and is host to approximately 200 associate units including the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Air Force Safety Center, Air Force Inspection Agency, Defense Special Weapons Agency's Field Command, Air Force Research Laboratory, 58th Special Operations Wing, U.S. Department of Energy and Sandia National Laboratories.



Colonel Dills was born in Clayton, Ga., and graduated from Franklin High School, Franklin, N.C. He earned his commission from Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in August 1972. He is a master navigator with more than 3,000 flying hours in various models of the C-130.

Colonel Dills and his wife, the former Nancilee K. Brown, of Lincolnton N.C., have three children: Gary Jr., Thomas and Angela.

### **EDUCATION:**

- 1971 Bachelor of science degree in chemistry, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C.
- 1976 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1979 Master of science degree in human relations, Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.
- 1985 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 1991 Master of arts degree in national security & strategic studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. September 1972 - June 1973, student, undergraduate navigator training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
2. June 1973 - June 1979, navigator, instructor, standardization and evaluation, 39th Tactical Airlift Squadron and 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
3. June 1979 - June 1982, policy and doctrine staff officer, plans and programs directorate, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
4. June 1982 - December 1984, chief, standardization and evaluation, 62d Tactical Airlift Squadron, 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.
5. December 1984 - July 1985, student, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

6. July 1985 - October 1987, branch chief, Pacific East Asia Division, deputy chief of staff for plans and operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
7. October 1987 - August 1990, military assistant and deputy assistant for international affairs, Air Force Secretariat, Washington, D.C.
8. August 1990 - July 1991, student, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
9. July 1991 - June 1993, chief, strategy, program development and resources division (J5-S), Headquarters European Command, Stuttgart, Germany
10. June 1993 - June 1995, commander, 436th Support Group, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Del. (September 1994 - December 1994, Commander, Air Forces (Forward)/Senior Air Force representative, Operational Uphold Democracy, Camp Falcon West, Port-au-Prince, Haiti)
11. June 1995 - December 1995, chief, mobility training and special operations requirements division, directorate of operational requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
12. December 1995 - November 1996, chief, Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC) Issues and Actions, directorate of operational requirements division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
13. November 1996 - present, commander, 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
 Legion of Merit  
 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Commendation Medal  
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters  
 Combat Readiness Medal  
 National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with oak leaf cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	Aug 28, 1972
First Lieutenant	Aug 28, 1974
Captain	Aug 28, 1976
Major	Oct 1, 1983
Lieutenant Colonel	Jun 1, 1988
Colonel	Jan 1, 1992

(CURRENT AS OF OCTOBER 1997)